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Sent: Wed 1/22/2014 10:47:49 PM
Subject: FW: WV American

I wanted to forward info from Walt this afternoon. I forwarded the lab contact to Cindy Caporale, but please see Walt's info re pph. Non detects for the early raw water samples but the detection levels are not at the 1ppm level.

From: Ivey, Walter M [mailto:Walter.M.Ivey@wv.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2014 2:20 PM
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Subject: RE: WV American

Bill, Having talked to several folks, I don't think that a lot of folks are drinking the water yet. I have been drinking some but not in great amounts where there is a taste. There isn't a taste in the office now. I don't know what will restore the confidence in folks. Testing continues to the level that several labs can reach. Trying to get all the areas to a level below 10 ppb. There has not been discussion of sampling in homes at this time.

A point of contact for the lab person may be out lab person. Martha McElfresh has been running a lot of samples. She would be a good person for Cindy Caporal to talk with.
Martha.A.McElfresh@wv.gov Her phone number is 304-965-2694 or 304-610-1284.

The PPH results are no detect in early raw and finished water at this time. The lab folks have not been able to get down to 1 ppm level for this and they are not sure if they will be able to go that low. Have been able to see it at 5 ppm.

Walt

From: Arguto, William [mailto:Arguto.William@epa.gov]
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Subject: WV American

Walt;

Our Congressional Liaison for WV, Mark Ferrel has kept us current on articles/news regarding the public's use of the drinking water. Mark lives in the area and hears a lot of antidotal stories as well. Mark mentions that there is still not a lot of confidence in the water supply – people are not using it. Would that be your sense as well? Do you have any ideas what the next steps could be that would help restore confidence in the water? We discuss it here but don't know what the Co is considering. More sampling in homes, point of use devices – but not sure if anything is available for the chemical, help in flushing etc

Also do you have a point of contact for the lab sampling the chemical. Cindy Caporal of our Annapolis lab is about to run some samples of the product and it could help them to get additional information on the sampling that was already completed.

Thanks

Bill